

PATENT
Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2210

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Katsuhiko HIEDA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2811
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Serial No.: 09/469,190) Examiner: H. Vu
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Filed: December 21, 1999)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
AND METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated May 22, 2001, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following species:

Embodiment 1 of Figures 1A and 1B;

Embodiment 2 of Figure 4;

Embodiment 3 of Figure 5;

Embodiment 4 of Figure 7;

Embodiment 5 of Figures 8A and 8B;

Embodiment 6 of Figures 11A and 11B;

Embodiment 7 of Figure 12; and

Embodiment 8 of Figure 13.

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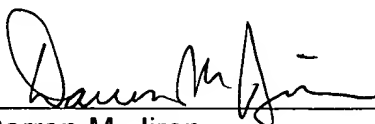
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species of Embodiment 5 of Figures 8A and 8B. Claims 1-11 and 14-20 are readable on Embodiment 5 of Figures 8A and 8B.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 22, 2001

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